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Liberal M.L.A. Harry Blank and Montreal City Councillor

Ferdinand Alie will participate in the official opening of
a polylingual day care centre at 4:00 p.m. Friday, February 26.

The centre, a joint undertaking of the Montreal YMCA and the Family Services Association, is housed in a former residence for Jesuit Teaching Brothers.

Located at 5561 Jeanne Mance, it is at the hub of a low-income area with a heavy concentration of Greek immigrants to Canada.

It will accommodate 47 pre-school children, many of them from families where both parents must work to provide the necessities for survival.

All members of the staff are fluent in at least two languages--Greek and English or French.

This trilingual aspect of the project will pave the way for the youngsters' entry into Canadian society and, at the same time, give them an insight into the language and culture of their parents.

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